Applicant(s): Brakel et al. OB/479, 999 For: MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDE COMPOUNDS 527 Madison Avenue (9th Floor) New York, New York 10022 November 29, 2004 Mail Stop Appeal

Mail Stop Appeal Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office

Action dated September 29, 2004 be extended for a period of

[x] 1 month at a fee of [] \$110 for a large entity or [x] 55 for a small entity

[] 2 months at a fee of [] \$430 for a large entity or []\$215 for a small entity

[] 3 months at a fee of [] \$980 for a large entity or []\$490 for a small entity

[] 4 months at a fee of [] \$1,530 for a large entity or [] \$765 for a small entity

[] 5 months at a fee of [] \$2,080 for a large entity or [x] \$1,040 for a small entity

12/01/2004 YPOLITE1 00000035 051135 08479999 01 FC:2251 55.00 DA from October 29, 2004 to November 29, 2004. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$55.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$55 to deposit account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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